

CBS Show Ridicules Catholicism

On September 12, Tom Snyder, host of the CBS program *The Late, Late Show*, ridiculed Catholicism with his guest Cyndi Lauper. Lauper, a rock singer, made several disparaging remarks about Catholicism and was abetted in this effort by Snyder. Here is a sample of Lauper's remarks:

Lauper offered a "theory" that God had nothing to do with nuns who "tried to be good but the whole theory of that organization [Catholic Church] is about oppression, oppression of women...."

Of the Blessed Virgin, Lauper said that "the only way that she conceived the Son of God was through this big miracle which means that the gift God gave women to give birth, the one gift...for us is an evil sin basically...."

Commenting on the clothes of nuns and priests, Lauper opined: "I'm supposed to feel bad about being a woman; these dames [nuns] they gotta look ugly and this guy's [priest] wearing a flowing skirt...He wants to wear a skirt, he's got the whole drag thing going, he's got a hat like a penis....I felt it was kind of strange."

Lauper then proceeded to tell a story from her youth. She admitted to "baiting" a nun by asking her if she went swimming in her habit. Lauper also asked the nun if she ever menstruated.

The ridicule ended with Snyder saying, "Bless me, Father, for I've had impure thoughts."

The Catholic League registered a protest with CBS over this show and encourages all members to do the same. Here is the address: *The Late, Late Show*, CBS Television City, 7800

Beverly Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90036.